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Circa 1803

Bryan-LeCompte House  
204 High Street  
Cambridge  
Private

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The house, although altered, is one of the best surviving examples of Federal style architecture in Cambridge. The interior of the older part of the house is still graced by the original random-width floor-boards.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 204 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mary L. Dunn and Constance C. Corkran				
STREET AND NUMBER: 204 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 187/Folio 215				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This Federal style house, constructed of brick, consists of a two and one half story main portion and a two story wing added to the north end. This is the original part of the house, constructed in 1803. An additional wing was added to the rear in 1946.</p> <p>The main portion consists of a three bay front with an off center door on the north end. A screened portico with an awning has been added in front of the door, most likely at a later date. The windows are nine over six sash with keystones above. There is a chimney on the south end and a Palladian window in the gable below the chimney. The large dormer with a double window on the front is not in keeping with the Federal style and was apparently added later.</p> <p>There is a gabled roof over both the wing and the main portion. The wing is two bays long, with a chimney on the north end. The windows are six over six sash and there are flat arches over the lower windows.</p>	

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1803

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1803 by a Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan sold the house to Samuel Woodward Lecompte, who was a Captain in the Navy. The house has remained in the same family for four generations since then. Although altered, this house has significance as one of the surviving Federal style houses in Cambridge and is of architectural interest.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mary L. Dunn, owner of the house

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	.	"		0	.	"	
NE	0	.	"		0	.	"	
SE	0	.	"		0	.	"	
SW	0	.	"		0	.	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/3/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

204 HIGH STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

PLC 187/215

This house dates from 1811 when it was built by Charles K. Bryan. He described this house in his will in 1823 as "my brick House and Lot of Ground wherein I now dwell." <sup>1</sup> The house passed to his children and was sold in 1842 to Captain Samuel Woodward Le Compte, who had served in the U.S. Navy in the War of 1812, and has been in the possession of his descendants ever since. The present owner is the great granddaughter of Captain LeCompte and has owned the house since 1939. She added a wing to the house in 1957. The lot on which this building stands originally extended to Cambridge Creek and included the land where 507 and 509 Court Lane now stand. These two properties were built on land leased from Captain LeCompte's widow in 1875.

The house is one of the few surviving examples of Federal style architecture in Cambridge. The interior of the older part of the house still contains the original random width floor boards and appears to have been altered very little since the house was built. This house contributes to the historical and architectural character of High Street, which contains several homes dating from the mid-eighteenth to the early nineteenth centuries.

1. THH 1/73, Will Records, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

SOURCES:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland

Land Records

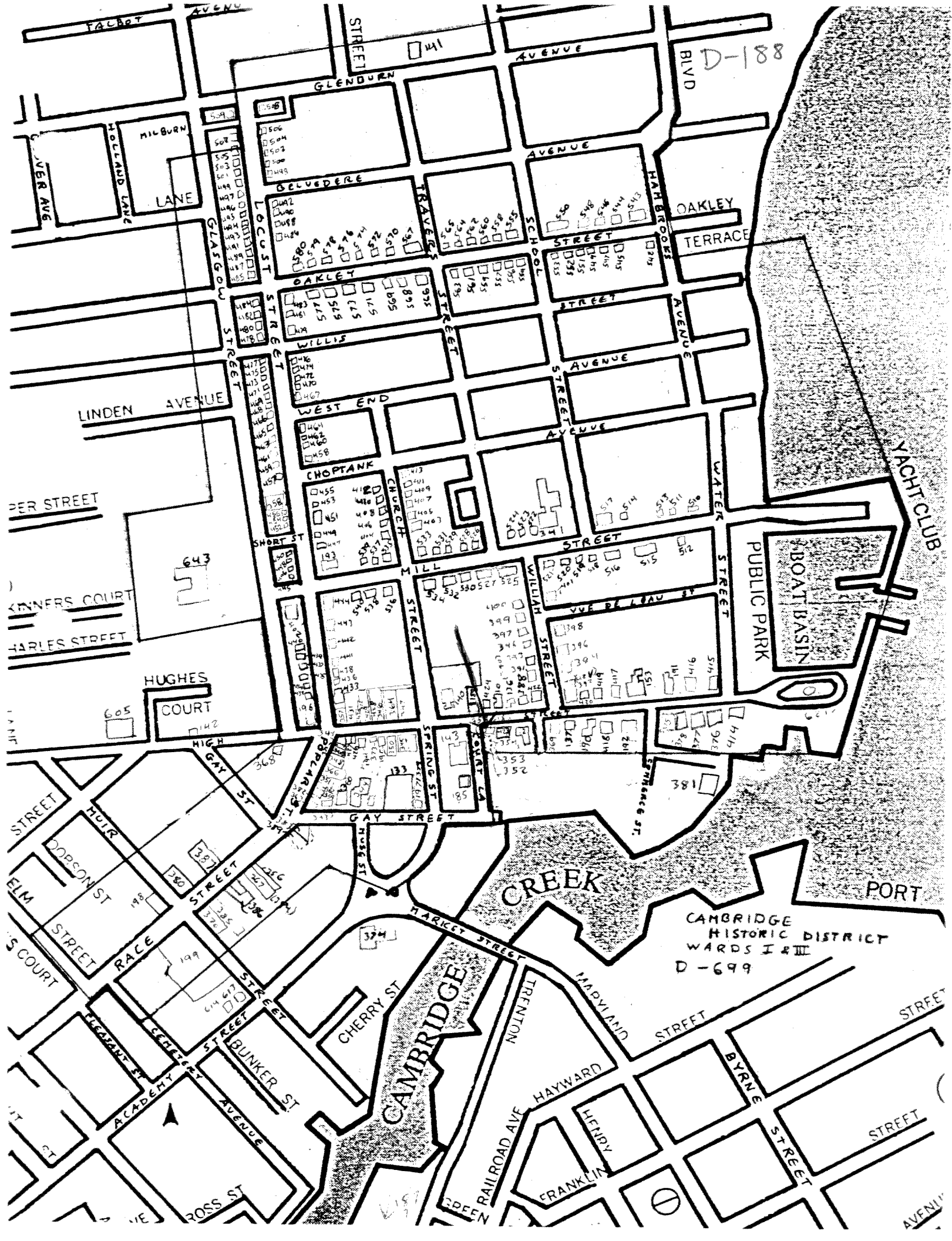
Will Records.

Interview, Mary Lee Dunn, 204 High Street, owner.

Research by:

Terrance Walbert

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July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1882. At the residence of Mr. J. H. Smith, at  
the residence of Mr. J. H. Smith, at

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